

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for holding this hearing today for Proposed Bill Number 648.

I am in support of Bill Number 648 to provide funding for case management services at Victory Gardens, a supportive project for homeless Veterans and families at the U.S.A. Department of Veterans Affairs Newington Campus.

Victory Gardens will provide homeless Veterans a new start in new permanent housing apartments and townhouses with support services by Chrysalis Center, Inc. Chrysalis Center, Inc. has provided supportive case management to homeless individuals for 18 years with great success.

Your support of Bill Number 648 will ensure the vital support services dollars are in place for the Veterans at Victory Gardens.

My name is Mike Rose. I had the privilege of receiving a supportive housing certificate. Thanks to the supportive housing program I received the key to my beautiful apartment. The program allowed me to stay focused on my goals and my recovery. It has also allowed me to appreciate the things that I currently have. I have never forgotten where I came from and want to give back to others. I understand what it is to be homeless and it hurts me to see other people hurting, and that is the reason why I have to give back. I have had the opportunity to go back to college and obtained my CNA certification. I continue to further my education "never thought I would" Being part of a supportive housing program has enabled me to achieve my goals and more.

Thank you and please support Bill Number 648

Sincerely,

Michael Rose